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MOSCOW PARIS NATO OF 26JUL74:

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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1256

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB GW, GE

SUBJECT: GDR HARASSMENT ON AUTOBAHN IN WAKE OF  
FEA ESTABLISHMENT

1. EAST GERMANS APPEAR TO HAVE INITIATED SOME HARASSMENT  
OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC IN WAKE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY IN WEST BERLIN. MISSION HAS LEARNED  
SO FAR OF FIVE CASES, STARTING MORNING JULY 26, IN WHICH  
PRIVATE AUTOS WERE STOPPED AT CROSSING POINTS (HIRSCHBERG,  
DREWITZ, MARIENBORN AND STAAKEN) AND PASSENGER EITHER ASKED IF  
THEY WORKED FOR THE FEA OR WERE SIMPLY TOLD THAT REASON FOR  
DELAY WAS BECAUSE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA. DELAYS  
VARIED FROM TEN MINUTES TO HOUR, AFTER WHICH ALL TRAVELERS  
WERE PERMITTED TO PROCEED.

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2. IT IS DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME TO KNOW IF GDR HARRAS-  
SMENT WILL REMAIN LIMITED TO DELAYING SELECTED TRAVELERS.  
NONE OF PEOPLE STOPPED, SO FAR, WORK FOR THE FEA AND  
THEREFORE WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT EAST GERMANS WILL DO SHOULD  
THEY STOP SOMEONE WHO IS FEA EMPLOYEE. IN FACT IT MAY BE  
THAT EAST GERMANS ARE CAREFULLY SELECTING PEOPLE WHOM THEY  
KNOW FULL WELL ARE NOT FEA EMPLOYEES IN ORDER TO AVOID  
FACING CHOICE OF ACTUALLY EXCLUDING TRAVELERS. IT IS ALSO  
POSSIBLE THAT GDR IS ATTEMPTING TO CATCH FEA EMPLOYEE LYING  
ABOUT HIS EMPLOYMENT AND THEN WILL REFUSE HIM TRANSIT ON  
GROUNDS OF HAVING GIVEN FALSE INFORMATION. (IN ONE CASE,  
FOR EXAMPLE, EAST GERMAN BORDER GUARD TOLD TRAVELER AFTER  
LATTER SAID HE WAS A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE BUT HAD NO CONNEC-  
TION WITH FEA THAT HE SHOULD BE CLEAR AS TO THE CONSEQUENCES  
OF GIVING FALSE INFORMATION.)

3. IT IS TOO SOON TO KNOW WHETHER, IN LIGHT OF GDR DELEGA-  
TION CHIEF SUESS' COMMENT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMANN  
JULY 24, EAST GERMANS WILL REGARD PRESENT PATTERN OF LOW-  
LEVEL HARASSMENT OF FEW SELECTED TRAVELERS AS SUFFICIENT  
TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY MEANT EARLIER THREATS. INCIDENTS  
HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED MEDIA COVERAGE AND ALLIED MISSIONS  
ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE PRESS INQUIRIES. IF ASKED, WE  
PROPOSE TO REPLY THAT:

ANY IMPEDING OR HARASSMENT OF TRAVELERS ON TRANSIT  
ROUTES, EXCEPT IN CASES OF ACTUAL MISUSE OF TRANSIT  
ROUTES AS SPELLED OUT IN TRANSIT AGREEMENT, IS CONTRARY  
TO QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT AND UNACCEPTABLE. KLEIN  
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